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DATA SHARING AMONG  
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**FOURTH SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

**ACCOMPANYING REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

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In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, and more particularly in accordance with 37 CFR §1.97(b), Applicants hereby cite the following references:

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| OTHER ART – NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS   |
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| Chinese Office Action dated July 7, 2006, Chinese Patent Application No. 03811583.2, with English translation (12 pgs).       |
| Japanese Office Action dated October 21, 2008, Japanese Patent Application No. 2002-145280, with English translation (6 pgs). |

Applicants are enclosing Form PTO-1449 (one sheet), along with a copy of each listed reference for which a copy is required under 37 CFR §1.98(a)(2). Pursuant to the undersigned attorney's obligation and duties under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.98(a)(3) and (c), either English language abstracts, partial translations, or full translations are included for patent documents which are not in English for the express purpose of providing a concise explanation of the references to the Patent and Trademark Office with the opportunity to evaluate the same. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner's consideration of the above reference(s) and entry thereof into the record of this application.

#### **Commonly Owned Applications**

In addition, in an abundance of caution and in a further effort to comply with 37 CFR §1.56, Applicants and Applicants' Attorney hereby disclose the existence of the following co-pending and commonly owned patent application, which is cited herein:

U.S. Application No. 10/515,399 -- U.S. Patent Publication No. 2006/0112268 A1 -- published May 25, 2006, entitled DATA USAGE MANAGEMENT ELECTRONIC APPARATUS, METHOD, PROGRAM, AND STORAGE MEDIUM -- Office Action mailed May 12, 2008, Response filed October 10, 2008; Final Office Action mailed January 6, 2009, Request for Continued Examination filed April 6, 2009.

Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to review the claims and the prosecution history, including any Office Actions issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, for this application since this patent application may include information that is material to the examination of the above-identified case.

By submitting this Statement, Applicants are attempting to fully comply with the duty of candor and good faith mandated by 37 CFR §1.56. As such, this Statement is not intended to constitute an admission that any of the enclosed references, or other information referred to therein, constitutes "prior art" or is otherwise "material to patentability," as that phrase is defined in 37 CFR §1.56(a).

The Applicant or Applicants have calculated no fee to be due in connection with the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement. However, the Director is authorized to charge any fee deficiency associated with the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement to a deposit account, as authorized in the Transmittal accompanying this Information Disclosure Statement.

Respectfully submitted,

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